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Q.—At least that.

A.—And you say you lift it about 200 times every day?

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A.—(A long sigh) I suppose so.

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We expect that the railway will be opened by the middle of March. We also believe that the following other Republic stocks will advance from 50 to 100 per cent in the near future: Lone Pine, Black Tail, Tom Thumb, Quinn and Republic.

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## Prince In Washington

United States Capital Visited By Brother of German Emperor.

He Makes Official Calls on the Ambassadors of Other Nations.

And He and President Roosevelt Exchange Their Official Courtesies.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 24.—Prince Henry arrived at the German embassy shortly after 11 o'clock today, the approach of the party being announced by the special notes of cavalry bugles. The Prince occupied a carriage with Admiral Evans, while back of them followed the carriages of the distinguished naval and military officers of Prince Henry's suite and members of the German embassy. A battalion of engineers occupied the avenue immediately fronting the embassy.

The entire first floor of the embassy had been placed at the disposal of the Prince and his personal staff, and some of the drawing room, the smoking room, and the ambassadors' study had their groups of guests and officials. Prince Henry had as his private study, the Japanese room, with its rich Oriental furnishings and curios.

The main body of the Prince's staff, after the call at the White House, proceeded to the new Willard hotel where quarters covering the entire first floor were at their disposal.

Tremendous cheering from the crowds at 11:40 announced the coming of the President to the embassy, to return the call of Prince Henry. The President drove in an open landau with Col. Hughes, his naval aide, Commander Brierley, his military aide, and a number of his personal staff.

The cheering was continuous as the President drove along, and he had his hat off his head much of the time in recognition of the repeated demonstrations.

The President and the Prince remained together for about 10 minutes, being left alone at last and later being joined by the ambassador when their personal greetings were completed. There was no exchange of formal addresses during the visit, which was strictly one of official etiquette, although it gave opportunity for expressions of mutual cordiality and good will between the two nations.

Following the call of the President came that of the commissioners of the district of Columbia, who called to extend to the Prince the welcome of the city of Washington. Mr. D. McFarland, of the commission, delivered an address. Prince Henry acknowledged the address with an expression of earnest thanks. He spoke in English, and referred to the pleasure with which he long looked forward to coming to the United States.

Prince Henry then prepared to make calls upon the foreign ambassadors stationed at Washington, as the high rank of an ambassador makes him personal representative of his sovereign or ruler and entitles him to the first call.

The Prince was accompanied by the German ambassador, both driving in an open landau. As the Prince came into view, the crowd gave him an ovation of cheers. Ahead of the carriage galloped the escort of the cavalry. The Prince's first call was at the British embassy. Lord Pauncefoot, secretary of the British legation, met the Prince, and the two drove to the German embassy, simply leaving his card. Calls were then made on the French ambassador, M. Cambon; the Russian ambassador, Count Cassini; the Italian ambassador, Signor Mayor; and the Mexican ambassador, Don Gomez.

The Prince's calls did not extend to the foreign ministers, as their rank does not make them personal representatives of their sovereigns or rulers.

Returning to the German embassy at 1 o'clock, the Prince and his party took lunch with the German ambassador and the members of his staff.

One of the brilliant functions of the day was when Prince Henry received at the German embassy the members of the diplomatic corps.

Lord Pauncefoot was the first to be ushered before the Prince, followed by the French, Italian and Mexican ambassadors.

In the meantime the foreign ministers and the staffs of both the ambassadors and ministers had assembled in the ball room to await the conclusion of the Prince's personal conference with the ambassadors. When these were over the Prince entered the ball room and was presented to the ministers and then to the members of the various staffs.

The dinner given to Prince Henry by President Roosevelt at the White House tonight, closed the honors bestowed on the visitor by official Washington today. The affair was on an elaborate scale, and brought together a most distinguished company.

## WHEAT

Large car received. It's Lily White and good chicken feed. Ask for price on our dock.

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## SPARKLING DRINKS

## BETRAYED BY HIS VOICE

Accused of Highway Robbery Under Strange Circumstances.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 24.—While a young man named Blackburn was up for trial, charged with burglary, Dewitt Becker happened to stroll into court, and as Blackburn said, "Not Guilty," he remarked that Blackburn's voice was the voice of the man who held him up with a gun and robbed him of a gold watch and \$5 in December. Mr. Becker at once swore out a summons for the arrest of Blackburn on a charge of highway robbery. Blackburn was acquitted on the charge of burglary, and was immediately rearrested on a charge of highway robbery.

Ah! Sing, the Chinaman taken from the dead house to the city hospital for resuscitation, is still alive and still asleep. He has been in a comatose state for six days, the result of the excessive use of opium.

**PRESIDENT OF CUBA.**

Havana, Feb. 24.—Dr. Thomas Estrada Palma and Senor Esteve were today formally selected by the electoral college, respectively first president and vice-president of the Cuban republic. Senators were also elected.

## PRaises GOVERNMENT.

Winnipeg, Feb. 24.—(Special).—Mr. Greenhalgh and D. D. Mann, of Mackenzie & Mann, were here yesterday, en route east.

"You may say," said Mr. Greenhalgh, "that Mr. Mann and myself have been negotiating with the British Columbia government for the extension of the Mackenzie & Mann system at the coast."

"The present government is heartily in favor of any extension of railways in their province, and will do everything within reason to forward the projects of the company."

## SUNSET DIVIDEND.

Six Thousand Dollars More to the Shareholders.

Nelson, B. C., Feb. 24.—(Special).—The Sunset mine, near Cody, has just distributed its third dividend of \$6,000, making a total of \$30,000 paid in dividends to date.

## Application Is Refused

U. S. Supreme Court Declines to Interfere in Merger Case.

Washington, Feb. 24.—The United States Supreme court has refused to take jurisdiction in the Northern Securities merger case in which the State of Minnesota made application to secure the intervention of the Supreme court to prevent the merging of the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern companies by injunction. Justice Shiras summed the judgment of the court, as follows:

"As the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific companies are indispensable parties to the case before the court, acting as a court of equity, cannot proceed, and our constitutional jurisdiction would not extend to the case if these companies were made parties defendants, the case was before the court, and the court must be and is denied."

The opinion is a voluminous one, but the greater part of it is a review of the history of the case.

Judge Shiras stated that the question to be determined, was whether the parties to the case were before the court, and he held that it was obvious that the minority stockholders of the two railroad companies are not represented in the controversy by the companies, and their rights ought not to be affected without a hearing, even if it were conceded that a majority of the stock in such companies held by a few persons had assisted in forming some sort of an illegal arrangement.

The opinion continued: "The directors of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railway companies are appointed to represent and protect not merely the private and pecuniary interests of the stockholders, but the rights of the public at large, which is deeply concerned in the proper and advantageous management of those public highways."

"It is not sufficient to say that the attorney-general, or the governor, or even the legislature of the state, can be conclusively deemed to represent the public interests in such a controversy as that presented. The state, when she voluntarily becomes complainant in a court of equity, cannot claim to represent both sides of the controversy."

"Not only have the stockholders, be they few or many, a right to be heard through the officers and directors whom they have legally selected to represent them, but the general interests of the public, which might be deeply affected by the decree of the court, are entitled to be heard, and in a case like the present, can only be offered by the presence of the railroad companies as parties defendants."

"Upon investigation it might turn out that the allegations of the bill are well founded, and that the state is entitled to relief, or it might turn out that there is no intention or design on the part of the railway companies to form any combination in disregard of the policy of the state, but that what is proposed is consistent with that policy and advantageous to the communities affected. But in making such investigation, a court of equity must insist that both sides of the controversy be fully advocated, represented, and fully heard."

"When it appears to a court of equity a case, otherwise representing grounds for its action, cannot be dealt with because of the absence of essential parties, it is usual for the court, while sustaining the objection, to grant leave to the complainant to amend bringing such parties."

"But when it appears likewise that necessary and indispensable parties are beyond the reach of the jurisdiction of the court, or that when made parties to the jurisdiction of the court they will thereby be defeated, for the court to grant leave to amend would be useless."

## THE VACANT JUDGESHIPS

British Columbia Members Favor Elevation of Justices Irving or Drake.

House Engaged Discussing Mr. Charlton's Reciprocity Proposal.

Treadgold Concession Declared to Unduly Favor Friend of the Ministry.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Feb. 24.—The British Columbia members are practically a unit in favor of promoting either Judge Irving or Judge Drake for the chief justiceship. Mr. Gordon Hunter is mentioned for the vacant judgeship. E. P. Davis and J. H. Senkler have arrived here in connection with the matter.

D. J. Munn is here today, and says the Oriental report will be down this week. The commissioners are at work on it in Toronto.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier today discredited the report that Japanese will be employed by the Mounted Police in the Yukon this year.

The House was engaged all day discussing Mr. Charlton's reciprocity resolution. Mr. Charlton made a remarkable speech, in which he advocated a tariff equal to that of the United States and a rebate of 10 per cent. if reciprocity in natural products were granted. The debate was adjourned.

Senator Templeman will be sworn a member of the Privy Council and a minister without portfolio tomorrow.

A conservative caucus will be held tomorrow.

## TREADGOLD CONCESSION.

Particulars of the Treadgold concession on the Yukon were presented to parliament today in the shape of a return. They show that the original order was the most extraordinary on record. It was modified last December, but even in its present shape the order stands as a valuable grant of privileges to favored friends of the ministry, without apparent compensating advantages.

## LORD DUNDONALD.

If Lord Dundonald is to be the next general officer commanding the militia, it is said the government will insist upon a stipulation such as was inserted when Gen. Hutton went to Australia. The general will have to recognize the control of the Minister of Militia and accept office as a servant of the Canadian government.

The Customs department has given orders to collectors to stop all indecent theatrical advertising at frontier points.

It is stated that the C. P. R. has procured a large block of land here facing Major Hill park, and will erect a fine hotel.

## GAINING STRENGTH.

Venezuelan Rebellion Is Becoming More Serious.

Willemstad, Island of Curacao, Feb. 24.—In spite of the bulletin of victories over the insurgents, published by the Venezuelan government, advices received here from Curacao indicate that the revolution is gaining ground daily. New uprisings are reported in almost all parts of the country, notably in the district on the Colombian frontier, and in the vicinity of Barcelona, where the insurgents are concentrating.

It was also asserted that the revolutionary steamer Libertador, formerly the Banrigh, having landed ammunition, arms and reinforcements at Ponedoles in the Gulf of Paria, the insurgents assembled at Maturin, assumed the offensive and defeated the government troops at Elptar, a village situated 50 kilometers from Curacao, state of Bermudez. The latter place is said to be threatened by insurgents.

The report that the insurgent Gen. Riera had been defeated by the government troops at Sauca has not been confirmed.

The Venezuelan government continues to collect numerous arrests here and there, of persons believed to be hostile, with the result that the population generally is becoming exasperated.

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Won't you write a postal to learn about a remedy like that?

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It is a pity for a sick person to neglect an offer like this.

Simply state which book you want, and address Dr. Shoop, Box 17, Racine, Wis. Book No. 1 on Dyspepsia. Book No. 2 on the Heart. Book No. 3 on the Lungs. Book No. 4 for Women. Book No. 5 for Men. (sealed). Book No. 6 on Rheumatism. Mild cases, not chronic, are often cured by one or two bottles. At all druggists.







Deputy Provincial Secretary.

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## Deputy Provincial Secretary.

for the position tendered in arrears.

By Mr. Curtis: To ask the Hon. Treasurer:

1. Upon what date did the Hon. John Cunningham Brown tender his resignation as Municipal Secretary?

2. When was his resignation accepted?

3. Was any successor been appointed?

4. If so, who and when?

5. Was such appointment been gazetted, and if so, when?

6. Upon what date did the Hon. Richard McLeod tender his resignation as Minister of Mines?



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## THE LEGISLATURE.

The opening day of the Legislature, so  
far as the ordinary business of the Ses-  
sion is concerned, was marked by an un-  
fortunate occurrence for which the un-  
dignified petulance on the part of the  
party led by Mr. McBrice was  
primarily responsible. If the idea of the  
leaders of this party in respect to political  
duties, is the carrying of a school-boy  
trick beyond the limits of the deencies  
of life, we are sorry for them and for  
the members who follow them, many of  
whom looked, and no doubt were, sorry  
for themselves. We have no desire to  
magnify the incident, because, not merely  
Mr. McBrice and Mr. Curtis and Mr. Mc-  
Phillips must bear the shame of it, but  
all British Columbia as represented in  
their persons. We humbly submit that  
every member of the Legislature has a  
right to be treated in a gentlemanly way,  
and, putting aside the sophistical quibbles  
of the parties mainly concerned, as the  
people of the country, outraged in their  
sense of the dignity of decorum pertaining  
to a Legislative assembly, will put  
them aside, we unhesitatingly assert that  
the incident appeared like, though it may  
not have been designed as, an attempt  
to treat Mr. Joseph Martin in an un-  
gentlemanly way. It is possibly a mat-  
ter for regret that Mr. Joseph Martin  
descended to the level of, and met upon  
their own ground, members whose aberra-  
tion was, we trust and believe, only  
temporary. Doubtless by this time they  
are blushing, as they made the province  
of British Columbia blush for them yester-  
day afternoon. Everybody present  
owes a debt of gratitude to Mr. W. W.  
McPherson, as after all, there is nothing  
which so quickly restores self-respect, as  
a prompt recognition of the humorous  
side of an incident. We hope that by  
this time between blushing and laughter  
the leading spirits acknowledging the  
sway of Mr. Richard McBrice have re-  
covered their normal condition.

## LAWYERS IN POLITICS.

A distinguished jurist once remarked  
when the usual sneer about lawyers was  
made in his presence, "As a matter of  
fact an honorable lawyer does much more  
to prevent than to foment litigation. The  
cases of irreconcilable differences which  
come into the courts, people hear about,  
but the cases of apparently irreconcilable  
differences, adjusted through the fair  
mindedness and tact of competent legal  
advisers, are never heard of." To judge  
lawyers as a class, by the actions and  
character of some members of the profes-  
sion, is as unfair as it would be to judge  
clergymen and physicians by the actions  
and character of some members of these  
professions. The prejudice against an  
undue influence by lawyers upon the gov-  
ernment and legislation is often supposed  
to be due to some degeneration of char-  
acter in lawyers, brought about by the  
accepted ethics of their profession. This  
is a case of misinterpreted causality, be-  
cause, although such degeneration does  
not exist, the popular prejudice is re-  
sponsible for it. In other words, as often  
happens, the people are  
right without knowing why. Lawyers  
are seldom great statesmen, and when  
they are, it is in spite of their profession,  
not because of it. Many great statesmen  
have been nominally lawyers, but very  
few actively practising lawyers have de-  
veloped into great statesmen. John  
Milton, one of the greatest, if not the  
greatest, statesmen ever produced by the  
Anglo-Saxon race, put his finger upon

the weakness of lawyers in public life  
when he spoke of those given to "disput-  
ing forms and circumstances and preced-  
ents, when the commonwealth nigh  
perishes for want of deeds of substance  
done with just and faithful expedition." No  
man can grow corn in a threshing  
machine. As corn is grown from the  
soil, so does the crop of legislation em-  
bodying the evolution of the State, come  
up from the good red earth of the peo-  
ple's conscience, character, and heredity,  
tilled and tended by those rare spirits  
who combine great love of country with  
intelligence, foresight, and above all,  
with patience. A legislature of lawyers  
would make a more threshing machine of  
a representative assembly, working with  
terrible noise upon "forms and precedents,  
and circumstances," but grinding out but  
few "deeds of substance."

In the light of the above, it will be  
obvious that no insult is intended to that  
most honorable and efficient body, the  
British Columbia bar, in saying that a  
cabinet composed altogether, or mainly,  
of lawyers would be a very dangerous  
experiment. Parliamentary forms and  
precedents, and circumstances, are not  
statesmanship. A cabinet of lawyers  
foresight! If the people of British Col-  
umbia can for a moment contemplate  
such a thing, they show but little fore-  
sight as to its inevitable results. The  
British Columbia bar, in saying that a  
complement of legal talent at the present  
time, yet, somehow, as soon as a busi-  
ness man drops out a lawyer pops up to  
take his place, and there appears to be  
no end to the supply.

## POSTAL REVENUE.

The following figures illustrate the dif-  
ference between British Columbia and  
the province of Quebec as producers of  
revenue, in the matter of postal service:

Province of Quebec—Gross postal re-  
venue, \$963,191.12; population, 1,650,000;  
revenue per capita, 59 cents.

Province of British Columbia—Gross  
postal revenue \$249,457.68; population,  
177,300; revenue per capita, \$1.40.

City of Quebec—Gross revenue, \$41,-  
903.73; population, 68,840; revenue per  
capita, 61 cents.

City of Hull—Gross revenue, \$4,253.43;  
population, 13,993; revenue per capita,  
30 cents.

City of Three Rivers—Gross revenue,  
\$7,259.78; population, 9,981; revenue per  
capita, 73 cents.

City of St. Henri—Gross revenue, \$4,-  
031.70; population, 21,102; revenue per  
capita, 19 cents.

City of St. Hyacinthe—Gross revenue,  
\$8,502.82; population, \$9,210; revenue per  
capita, 92 cents.

City of Sherbrooke—Gross revenue, \$2,246.-  
08; population, 7,057; revenue per capita,  
32 cents.

City of Vancouver—Gross revenue,  
\$52,289.75; population, 26,133; revenue  
per capita, \$2.00.

City of Victoria—Gross revenue, \$47,-  
247.57; population, 20,816; revenue per  
capita, \$2.26.

City of Nelson—Gross revenue, \$13,-  
624.03; population, 5,273; revenue per  
capita, \$2.60.

City of Rossland—Gross revenue, \$12,-  
158.45; population, 6,150; revenue per  
capita, \$1.98.

City of New Westminster—Gross re-  
venue, \$9,386.22; population, 6,499; re-  
venue per capita, \$1.45.

It is visible at a glance that British  
Columbia is three times as valuable from  
the postal revenue of the Dominion as  
the province of Quebec. Yet we find  
that in the matter of expenditure, while  
it costs 90 cents in the City of Quebec  
to collect \$1.00 in Vancouver it costs  
28 cents, and in Victoria 54 cents. The  
total expenditure in the City of Quebec  
is \$17,739.73. In Vancouver it is \$19,-  
721.79, and in Victoria \$25,387.85. Yet  
we find that the province of Quebec is  
finding fault with its relations to the  
Dominion government as to revenue and  
expenditure, while the province of British  
Columbia is in a position three times  
as bad as far as postal revenue is con-  
cerned. Surely any provincial government  
which refused to draw attention  
to a condition of affairs so anomalous  
would be grossly unkind to its obvious  
duty.

A matter is drawn attention to by Mr.  
Mortimer Lamb in his weekly contribu-  
tion on "Mines and Mining," which  
should receive official recognition from  
the Department possessing the requisite  
information to deal with it. We refer  
to a most offensive and inaccurate libel  
on British Columbia appearing in the  
columns of the London Economist. The  
editor of that most respectable and in-  
fluential journal has been victimized by  
a correspondent whom it is easy to con-  
vict of ignorance, and almost impossible  
to acquit of malice. It is fortunate that  
the province has an agency in London.  
Through the Agent-General's office the  
impression made by such an article can  
be eradicated by the citation of official  
statistics on the spot. In all probability  
this has already been done, although the  
savings of newspapers are more easily  
overlooked at short range, where there  
are so many of them published as in  
the city of London. Where detraction of  
a country, or for that matter an insti-  
tution or individual, takes the form of  
actual falsehoods, its exposure is always  
followed by a favorable reaction.

"A lie, that is all a lie, may be met and  
fought with outright."

and Tennyson's description is not too  
strong for this article in the Economist,  
whose editor will no doubt be happy to  
deal out even-handed justice both to  
British Columbia and to his correspond-  
ent when the truth is laid before him.

Was Mr. Smith Curtis to be under-  
stood to have said in the House yester-  
day that he was not a follower of Mr.  
Richard McBrice? We ask simply for  
information, because Mr. Curtis was in  
such a condition of irrational excitement  
that no one would feel inclined to make  
him fully responsible for what he said  
or seemed to say, any more than for what  
he did or tried to do. But surely all his  
talk of true oppositions of two, and false  
oppositions of five, and fourteen "desert-  
ers" (can we commit ourselves to his use  
of that word?) simply illustrates the total  
impossibility of forming a stable govern-  
ment out of such elements in the House.

A very elementary lesson in logic is  
sometimes given by pointing out that to  
say that Mary had a little lamb, and that

everywhere that Mary went, the lamb  
was sure to go, is not the same thing  
as to say that Mary was sure to go  
everywhere the lamb went. With re-  
gard to the relations existing between  
Mr. Richard McBrice and Mr. E. V.  
Bodwell, the voters of Victoria are surely  
entitled to know which of them is Mary  
and which is the little lamb.

The spectacle of Mr. A. E. McPhillips  
solemnly rising in his place in the House,  
and saying "I rise to a point of order,  
that it is not in order for an honorable  
member to make a speech on this ques-  
tion," after he had already made three  
speeches on the question himself, and as  
events proved, proposed to make two  
more, is irresistibly reminiscent of a cer-  
tain couplet by Burns which it is un-  
necessary to quote.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

## VETERANS.

Sir—I see no reason for astonishment in  
the incident noted by Mr. Pen. beyond the  
thoughtlessness of youth; certainly not that  
of an intended slight. The shoulder may  
be a badge of honor, but the drill has  
been that all. It is forgotten at once. Like  
bottles, the veteran veterans of our country  
is exhausted, redder and more sunken  
than the youth, who have shot into our shoes.  
The soldier of today becomes the veteran  
of tomorrow. Let them, and well are they  
rewarded, as they are, for their services,  
and planting their dear flag as victor on many  
a battle field. Our day is over; it is but  
true wisdom to how to the inevitable ex-  
haustion of time, assist with our remaining  
strength and mature judgment the forma-  
tion of that noble Imperial league amongst  
our kindred nations, and fostering love to  
our country and to our Gracious King Ed-  
ward.

The deep-chested and broad-shouldered  
women of our Vancouver Island and home  
may rest fully assured that enough of the old  
aroma of the fighting veteran vintage re-  
mains amongst us in those glassy lack lustre  
receptacles to drive a trigger or knock  
down an insulting foe in whatever guise  
he may don, European or Asiatic, or com-  
bination, who dares to belittle them.

C. F. M.

## PRESS COMMENTS.

The result of the test division in the  
Legislature yesterday was a rebuff to the  
opposition, which was not expected by  
them in view of their apparent strength in  
the matter. The result was a rebuff to the  
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In the talk on the address in the House  
of Commons Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that  
the men of the mounted rifles recently sent  
to South Africa had only been permitted  
to enlist in Canada. The Liberal press  
story that a vote would be asked from  
Parliament to pay for their equipment and  
attendance at sessions at home, and any  
in the Ontario bye-elections.—Montreal  
Gazette.

According to the latest reports the Do-  
minion government has made an agreement  
with the Marconi company to assist in the  
erection of a wireless telegraph plant at  
Bretton. The construction of the plant  
guaranteeing reduction of sixty per  
cent on the present cable rates for com-  
mercial messages; and has also undertaken  
to lay a new cable from the coast of  
England. It is to be hoped that both  
statements are true. Both the Dominion  
and the other country have much to gain  
by cheaper telegraphic communication.—  
Montreal Star.

Mr. J. A. Smart, Deputy Minister of the  
Interior, over in London, and is tell-  
ing the British public through the leading  
newspapers that Canada is not a land of  
perpetual snow, inhabited by a people clad  
in furs and skins. Mr. Smart finds it nec-  
essary to protest, not only against the in-  
grained misconceptions as to the Canadian  
climate, but against the current misinfor-  
mation being supplied to the public by the  
daily, weekly and monthly publications.—  
Toronto Star.

## PROVINCIAL PRESS.

## ROSSLAND ALDERMEN.

From Rossland Miner.  
The proposal to surround the annual  
grant to members of the city council with  
such stipulations as would make the pay-  
ment of the indemnity conditional upon at-  
tendance at sessions at home, and any  
in the Ontario bye-elections.—Montreal  
Gazette.

The Anglicans of Rossland will erect a  
"Father's Day" Memorial Church. The in-  
auguration of the movement to this end  
was announced at St. George's church on  
Sunday by Rev. Archdeacon Pentreath as  
having been accepted by the committee  
of the church with the sanction of His  
Lordship the Bishop of New Westminster  
and Kootenay.

## COMING TO VICTORIA.

From Vernon News.  
A general regret was felt in the city at  
the news that Rev. J. P. Westman has de-  
cided to terminate his pastorate of the  
Methodist congregation here at the close  
of the church year in June next. Mr. West-  
man has accepted an invitation to the  
Centennial Methodist church in Victoria.  
The second largest congregation of that de-  
nomination in the provincial capital. At  
the last quarterly meeting of the board in  
connection with the church here, he was  
strongly urged to remain for another year,  
as they are naturally loath to lose his ser-  
vices, but he decided to make the change  
to Victoria, and this is a distinct indica-  
tion of the high regard in which he is  
fully employed that this city's loss is Vic-  
toria's gain.

## THE ABERDEEN.

From Vernon News.  
Capt. Gore, superintendent of the C.P.R.  
boats in the interior, and on Monday  
with a gang of men who will be employed  
in repairing the steamer Aberdeen. The  
hull of this boat will be thoroughly over-  
hauled, and alterations will be made in the  
arrangement of the machinery, which will  
greatly increase her speed. It is expected  
that when she again goes on the lake run  
she will lessen her time between Okan-  
agan Landing and Pentticon by at least an  
hour.

## NEW MILL.

From Vernon News.  
S. G. Smith returned last week from the  
coast, where he purchased the machinery  
for his new mill at Enderby. The equip-  
ment is thoroughly up-to-date and first  
class in every respect, and when completed  
the mill will be one of the best in the in-  
terior.

## ISLAND MINES.

From Ladysmith Leader.  
This week the owner of five undeveloped  
claims in the range a little to the south of  
Ladysmith, has been ready to sell the en-  
tire sum of \$20,000 for his interest. One-  
third was to be paid down, the balance  
in six and twelve months. As showing the  
quality of these claims and the confidence  
felt in this district as a mineral country,  
it may be stated that the offer was prompt-  
ly declined. This is by no means the only  
offer that has been made for mineral  
claims in this district lately; but it may be  
said that the offerers will have to come up  
with a little of their own money in the  
direction in which the five referred to are  
situated.

## SILVER HILL MINE.

From Nelson Miner.  
J. A. Macdonald, of Rossland, arrived in  
the city yesterday on his way home, after

visiting the Silver Hill mine. Mr. Mac-  
donald stated that a third shipment of ore  
of between 250 and 300 tons would be  
ready by tomorrow for loading at the  
wharf at Crawford bay. There are 50 men  
employed at the mine, and it is the inten-  
tion of the management to keep up the  
weekly shipments of about 300 tons. The  
roads at present are making shipping dif-  
ficult, but this will not last for long, and  
so far has not interfered with shipping, as  
a complete system of haulage has been  
arranged. It may be necessary to stop  
shipping for a week or two if the roads get  
too bad, but this will not be done unless  
absolutely compulsory. Mr. Macdonald is  
well pleased with the outlook at the mine.

## THE LAW OF GRAVITATION.

Interesting Experiments With Plumb  
Lines Thousands of Feet in Length.

From Milwaukee Sentinel.  
At the Tamarack mine at Calumet, Mich.,  
there has been conducted for the last few  
days a series of experiments of the most in-  
teresting character. The test made there  
was a new one in principle, but the ac-  
tual facts are such as to make it unique.  
In fact, it stands alone as an undertaking  
in mining engineering that may lead to  
certain new conclusions as to the laws of  
gravitation. Though to the mining engi-  
neer the result was not just what had been  
expected, discoveries were made that to the  
scientific world in general may prove of  
value. A plumb line dropped a distance of  
4,250 feet is certainly something unusual,  
and a pendulum, swinging to and fro, 4,250  
feet from the stationary point is out of the  
ordinary.

At the new No. 3 shaft, the deepest  
perpendicular shaft in the world, it was  
desired to cross-cut a distance of 800 feet  
at the twenty-ninth level, or 4,250 feet from  
the surface, over to the level of the new  
shaft, the twenty-ninth level of No. 2 shaft,  
which is 3,250 feet at the surface from No. 3.  
There was a cross-cut of 800 feet to the  
cross-cut, 400 feet in length. In order to do  
this it was necessary to give the men  
working away from No. 2 shaft the proper  
direction. Already they had at the mine  
office a survey, from which it would have  
been possible to have begun work, but it  
was desired to verify that. It was made  
some years ago, and the engineers thought  
that the opportunity of satisfying them-  
selves as to the accuracy of the survey was  
therefore began their preparations, and the  
dropping of the plumb line was the first  
step.

The idea was to drop two plumb lines  
down the shaft to the twenty-ninth level,  
then to take observations both on the sur-  
face and down in the mine, using the same  
data. After this had been done at the new  
shaft it would then be necessary to repeat  
the operation at the old shaft, when it  
would be possible for the engineers to give  
the miners working away from the old  
shaft and toward the new one, the proper  
direction to make them meet the men work-  
ing away from the new shaft and toward  
the old one. The idea was a simple one,  
and one that is known to all mining men.  
It was realized that unless the plumb  
length was to be experimented with, and  
so the engineers began to make the tests  
in order to determine the accuracy of the  
survey. No. 21 plumb wire was finally  
settled upon, but thorough tests  
were made before the real work was begun.  
The wire selected was of steel and weighed  
ed a tensile strength of 350,000 pounds to  
the square inch. A piece 30 feet long was  
taken for the test. It was suspended at  
weights gradually added until it parted  
after 151 pounds had been fastened to it.  
This was quite satisfactory to the engineers  
and was a first step in the dropping of  
No. 21 down the shaft a distance of 4,250  
feet went on.

Two two-cylinder hoisting engine,  
operated by compressed air, was placed at  
the mouth of the shaft, which is a five-com-  
partment affair, measuring 20.2 by 8.10  
feet. The engine was of the vertical type,  
running drums, with grooves turned in the  
wooden lagging for the wire to be wound  
upon for the test. The wire was each end  
and the wires were lowered after weights  
had been placed upon them after the man-  
ner of lowering any sort of a line.

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This equipped, the lines were dropped.  
In half an hour the 4,250 feet of wire had  
been reeled out and things were about ready  
for the actual test. Absolutely no difficulty  
was experienced in dropping the lines; they  
went down without hitch or delay, and the  
thing and perhaps the most difficult part  
of the experiment was the most easily ac-  
complished.

It was now desired to get the lines as far  
apart as the surface as possible, and so  
eight-foot plumb bobs were substituted  
for the balloons. It was feared that the  
lines too near the timbering, for it was  
not desired to have the balloons come in  
contact with anything, and the lines were  
run apart as far as possible. With the  
balloons out of the way the distance be-  
tween the lines at the surface was in-  
creased to 17.58 feet.

When this had been done, fifty-pound  
cast-iron bobs were substituted for the  
eight-foot ones, and the wires stretched  
a distance of 15 feet. They were out to  
the proper length and then the bobs were  
immersed in balls of engine oil in order to  
kill all vibration possible. Here some-  
thing unexpected happened. The wires  
shortened on 25 inches because of the buoy-  
ancy of the oil.

President F. W. McNair, of the Michigan  
College of Mines, was present, and he next  
conducted an experiment with one of the  
lines as a pendulum. The bob was drawn  
aside one foot and released with a thread.  
He then set his instruments and the thread  
was burned. The great pendulum swung  
back and forth, but again great surprise  
resulted. In 20 seconds the bob had come  
most to a standstill, which was something  
the observers were not prepared for. It  
was, however, explained by the fact that  
the water was continually dripping down  
the shaft and evidently exerted a restraining  
influence.

Three hours from the time the work  
was begun the engineers had finished and  
the lines had been drawn back to the sur-  
face. It required half an hour for the en-  
gine to hoist the wires. The balloons were  
replaced and the two lines were taken to  
the surface with no difficulty.

At the close of the day some phenomena  
were noted and with very little chance ex-  
cept that the divergence of the lines was  
even greater. Lead bobs instead of cast-  
iron were used, but were changed, as there  
was a divergence of one-tenth of a  
foot, the distance between the wires at the  
surface being 12.6 and down in the mine  
12.7.

Several explanations have been offered  
for the fact that the wires suspended in  
oil shortened to such an extent. One was  
that 4,250 feet below the surface there  
were at the surface, but no one had  
the explanation of the phenomenon at the  
question. It seems to be the general opin-  
ion that attraction or repulsion somewhere  
accounts for the phenomenon, but where  
it is and why it occurs, no one knows.  
Were there no disturbing forces at work

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but a quart left, and the quart will  
contain all the impurities in the gallon  
and will be nearly four times as im-  
pure as before. By continuing the boil-  
ing, all the impurities, animal, vegetable  
and mineral, except the gases thrown  
off, will be reduced to one solid mass.  
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comes off as steam is very nearly pure.  
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germs may have been killed, but their re-  
mains furnish excellent material for bac-  
terial life to feed upon.

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declares that scientific investigation has  
proved that the boiling process only kills  
the feeblest and the least injurious germs  
in the water.

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R. S., the noted English scientist and re-  
cognized authority on water, says that  
the germs which propagate epidemic or  
zymotic diseases may be boiled three  
hours and yet not be destroyed.

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boiled city water in one bottle, and  
the same that has been boiled for half  
an hour or more in another, cork tightly  
and keep in the sun or in a warm place  
for a week or longer, and note the dif-  
ference. The water in the second bottle  
shows a marked depreciation in looks, taste  
and smell, but that which has been  
boiled will be so much worse in these  
respects that no one would think of  
using it. In comparison with these you  
can submit a properly sealed bottle of  
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## CASH WALKS

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Printers' Nominate.—Nominations for officers for the International Union were made at the meeting of the Victoria Typographical Union held on Sunday. For president the local union nominated Charles Derry, of Seattle; for vice-president, O. E. Hawkes, of Chicago; for secretary, J. W. Bramwood, of Denver; delegates to the American Federation of Labor, F. Morrison of Chicago, and Aug. McGrath, of New York; trustees of the Childs-Drexel home, John Armstrong, of Toronto, and W. J. White, of San Francisco.

## AT OSGOOD HALL.

From the Canadian Law Review.  
Mr. [Name] has the reputation of being the "hardest" fighter at Osgood Hall. Various stories illustrative of his persistence have been told, but the following is perhaps the best. He was arguing a case in the Court of Appeal at great length. Already the court had listened pretty clearly that it had heard enough, but he had treated these intimations in his usual manner, and went on raising point after point. "Really," at last the Chief Justice remonstrated, "really, Mr. [Name], if you intend to reply on these points, you should have raised them in the court below."  
"So I did, my Lord," replied Mr. [Name].  
"They stopped you, did they?" inquired the Chief Justice, eagerly. "How did they do it?"

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## LOCAL NEWS.

Visited the Lepers.—On Sunday Dr. H. Robertson, medical officer, James Wilson, sanitary inspector, and some of the aldermen, paid a visit to the leper station at Darcy Island. There was no noticeable change in the unfortunate residents of the island. The monthly supply of provisions was left.

Did Not Appear.—Eleven vagrants were summoned to appear in the city police court yesterday, but only two put in an appearance, and the hearing of their cases was remanded until Friday. The others have left the city. The police have shown commendable activity in ridding the city of these undesirable characters.

Costumes Here.—The costumes for the Old Folks' concert have arrived, and the various performers are busy getting the finishing touches put on in readiness for Wednesday night. This affair promises to be a great success, from a scenic as well as musical point of view. Ladies and gentlemen who may attend will get pointers on dress not easily secured at any other time.

Minor Cases.—In the city police court yesterday morning a Jap was charged with assaulting a Chinaman, and being found guilty, was fined \$10 and \$5 costs. A dispute over the sale of some oranges caused the fight, in which the Chinaman was worsted. A Chinaman who had refused to pay the provincial revenue tax, at the last moment repented and had to pay the costs of court in addition to the tax.

Crofton Butcher.—Mr. A. Howe will open a butcher shop in the new town of Crofton, which he intends running in connection with his already well established business in the town of Chemainus. Mr. Howe enters so efficiently to the Croftonites as he has to the Chemainusites, their needs in the meat line will be well looked after. He opens on Wednesday morning with an ample supply for all purposes.

Firemen Organize.—The marine firemen of the city completed their organization at a meeting held in Labor hall on Sunday evening, their charter from the International Longshoremen's union having arrived, and affiliation with that body being effected. The officers elected are: President, J. Hook; vice-president, A. Don; secretary-treasurer, Alexander McLeod; delegates to the Trades and Labor council, Messrs. Craigie and Hook. A committee will draft the by-laws.

Weather Not Favorable.—Amongst the arrivals from San Francisco by Sunday evening's steamer was Mr. Jonathan Miller, who for 16 years has been postmaster of Vancouver city. Mr. Miller is returning from a month's vacation and rest in the Sunny South, but which he says has been misnamed this season, as he had to come back to Victoria. Good weather, the past month having been a most unpleasant one in the city of the Golden Gate. He went on to Vancouver yesterday.

Concert Tonight.—The concert to be given in the school room of the Metropolitan Methodist church tonight, promises to be a rare musical and literary treat. In addition to an excellent orchestra of 15 instruments, which will furnish a variety of music during the evening, the following ladies and gentlemen will assist: Mrs. G. Hicks, Mrs. W. Gregson, Mr. A. T. Goward, Mr. Stitt, Rev. E. S. Rowe and Mr. G. Hicks. The concert will commence at 8 o'clock. Doors open at 7:30.

Found Here.—Mr. Herbert Carmichael, provincial assayer, writes as follows to the New York Engineering and Mining Journal: "I see that the finding of platinum in rock has been noted for the first time in the Engineering and Mining Journal as occurring in Wyoming. I found platinum in rock in British Columbia in the year 1895, and mentioned the fact in the report of the Minister of Mines for that year. The metal occurred as fine wirelike filaments in a fine grained dark basaltic rock."

Ladiesmith Day.—The Navy League are meeting with the greatest possible success at the Ladiesmith Day celebration will be a brilliant success on Friday night. His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Lady Joly de Lothbiniere and party have already signified their intention of being present. In addition to the "Influence of Sea Power on History" with discussion, music and song will be interspersed. The following are some of the axioms of the Navy League: A strong fleet costs much; war costs much more. A strong fleet is the cheapest peace society. The primary object of the Navy League is to bring these axioms home to the mind of every man, woman and child throughout the Empire, so that they may at all times insist upon the fleet being maintained at a proper standard.

Organ Recital.—St. John's church was crowded to its utmost capacity on Sunday evening, many being unable to get seating accommodation, when the second of the series of Lenten organ recitals was given after evening, at which the Bishop preached an eloquent sermon. The vocal solos were given by Mr. Moxon, who gave a most artistic rendering of "King David's Lament"; Mr. Gideon Hicks sang the solo, "Fear Not Ye, O Israel," in a fine bold style, which is so requisite to give a proper interpretation of this favorite composition by Dudley Buck. Mrs. Gideon Hicks' rich contralto voice was heard to great advantage in "A Dream of Paradise" by H. Gray, her rendering of which was very artistic, the accompaniment being enriched by a violin obligato played by Mr. Jesse Longfield, who also played a violin solo, "Schubert's Serenade," which was played in a most sympathetic manner. The second phrase was arranged so as to be a duet between the violin and harp, having a most pleasing effect. He also played the concluding organ solos in a spirited style. The organist, Mr. A. Longfield, played two solos, "Offertoire," by Dietz, and "Vox Seraphica," by J. H. Maunier, in a manner that brought out the full resources of this fine organ, which has been greatly improved during the last week by Messrs. Longfield & Son altering the position of some of the pedal pipes, their tone being now subdued so as to form an effective mass to the accompaniments, without being too obtrusive.

When Mr. Walter Wilson was informed by the police that James Bates, the boy arrested on Saturday for entering his house, as related in the Colonist on Sunday, had admitted that he stole a \$20 bill, he expressed considerable surprise, saying that as far as he knew there had been no bill of that denomination in the cupboard from which Bates said he had taken it. The police naturally came to the conclusion that Bates had not told them the truth, so an officer was sent to a grocery store on Fernwood road, at which the younger Alexander boy had changed the note at Bates' request. The grocer went through his safe and dug out an old Confederate bill, considerably torn, and said that was the bill he had changed for the boy. Bates too recognized it as the bill he had taken from the Wilson house, and if further identification was necessary, Mr. Wilson also remembered having had such a bill and strange to say, it was one that Mr. Henry Sheppard, formerly chief of police, had given to him some 15 years ago. How the grocer ever came to change such a bill is a mystery, as it is one that anyone who had ever handled bills would immediately recognize as useless. So the grocer, and not Mr. Wilson, is out \$20 as the result of Bates' little escapade.

Mr. Wilson knew nothing of the boy having spent 20 hours under a bed in his house until he heard of the admission made by him to the police. The watch and ring which Bates took from Mr. Wilson's house, and which he said he had hidden in the house next door, where he went after leaving the Wilson house, were where he told the police he had placed them.

The case was not called in the police court yesterday morning, but will be heard today. Among the witnesses will be the two Alexander boys, who spent Friday night with Bates, and who shared his ill-gotten gains. The younger one of these boys, the little fellow who changed the bill, is too young to realize that he has done any wrong, but the eldest one is about the same age as Bates. No doubt they all thought the bill was a good one, but placed the burden of changing it on the shoulders of the younger one of the trio.

There is no telling what was in the minds of the boys, but they evidently had an idea that they were getting away from home restraints for good, and they intended to live it up. They had more time and they would have moved the furnishings of the Alexander house to their intended abode. As it was, boy-like, they had already taken Mr. Alexander's revolver, a blanket, a large butcher knife, a lot of cutlery, tin utensils, and provisions, to the shack. They added to the latter canned goods purchased with the money they got from the grocer for the Confederate bill.

## INTERESTING CEREMONY

## Blessing of the Bell at St. Andrews Roman Catholic Cathedral.

St. Andrew's cathedral was the scene of a very interesting ceremony on Sunday evening, when His Grace Archbishop Christie, of Portland, Oregon, assisted by the Rev. Bishop Orth and the clergy of Victoria, solemnly blessed and consecrated the new bell. The usual prayers of the church for the occasion having been recited, the bell was consecrated, and then according to the old custom, it was rung in turn by each of the clergy taking part in the ceremony and by the four gentlemen of the congregation who had been chosen as sponsors: Mr. W. J. Macaulay, A. E. McPhillips, Mr. W. P. L. G. McQuade, and Mr. T. P. West.

Archbishop Christie then delivered a short address, in which he thanked Mrs. Douglas, the generous donor of the bell, for her splendid gift, and explained very clearly the reasons of the church in consecrating material objects to the service of God.

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament followed, during which the bell was again rung, its deep, sweet tone vibrating through the sacred edifice. The musical part of the ceremony was exquisitely rendered by the vocal choir, which was augmented by one-third of its usual strength.

After benediction the congregation adjourned to Institute hall, where a reception was tendered Archbishop Christie and the members of the choir, who were heard to advantage in a beautiful chorus, and Miss L. Loewen and Signor Salvini contributed solos in their usual delightful style. Mr. A. E. McPhillips presented the following address on behalf of the congregation:

To the Most Reverend Alexander Christie, D. D., Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Oregon.  
May it please Your Grace—It is with feelings of great joy that we again greet Your Grace and welcome you to the diocese of Vancouver Island. We do so with ever loving remembrance of the time when you were our beloved bishop, and it is a matter of the greatest pleasure to us to know that notwithstanding the many calls upon you in the discharge of the duties appertaining to the exalted office of Archbishop, which has been filled with so much acceptance to our Holy Father Leo XIII. and the people of the ecclesiastical province of Oregon, that this diocese of Vancouver Island continues to have your watchful care and guidance. In extending to Your Grace our sincere expressions of obedience, we cannot refrain from speaking our loving words of our dearly beloved Bishop, the Right Rev. Bertrand Orth, who succeeded Your Grace, and it is to Your Grace that we turn for the most sincere thanks that in losing you we have in His Lordship Bishop Orth one who has zealously persevered in the lines so auspiciously inaugurated by your predecessor.

When extending to Your Grace our hearty welcome and expressions of obedience, we at the same time wish to make known to Your Grace, so that it may be conveyed to the Pontiff at Rome, our profound expressions of love and obedience to the Holy Father, under Divine Providence, has been privileged for a quarter of a century to preside over the diocese of Vancouver Island. We now conclude by assuring Your Grace that our prayers will ever be offered up for the success of your metropolitan labors, and we crave Your Grace's blessing "ad multos annos."

L. G. McQUADE, Secretary.  
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## MORE BOYS

## IN TROUBLE

## Stole Five Hundred Foot Boom Chain From Williams' Wharf.

The bright springlike days of last week seemed to give the bad boys of the city a longing to get into mischief. Following closely on the Bates case, the police had another case in which boys were implicated, to deal with. It was reported to them that a boom chain weighing 500 pounds had been stolen from Williams' wharf at the foot of Johnson street. The chain was traced to B. Aaronson's junk shop on Store street, and from the junk dealer it was learned that it had been brought to him in sections. From the descriptions furnished by Aaronson, four boys were arrested on Sunday by Constables Carlow and Munro. They are Albert Cole, aged 19; Albert Earle, aged 16; Albert Dick, aged 15; and Emyle Olson, aged 14. The boys had secured a chisel and cut the chain into sections, an operation entailing much labor. Their case will be called in the police court this morning.

## DEATH OF A PIONEER

## John Sayyee, Prospector and Miner, Passed Away on Sunday Morning.

John Sayyee, pioneer prospector and miner who has lived every minute of his life in British Columbia, and who did so much to make known the riches of the province, died on Sunday morning at his residence, No. 47 South road. He was a native of Dundas, Ont., aged 76 years, and came to Victoria in 1862. Within a short time of his arrival, he started for Cariboo, and from that day until health prevented it, followed his occupation as prospector and miner, following each rush to new districts, his principal fields of operation, however, being Cariboo, Omineca, and Cassiar. He had unbounded faith in the richness of the province, and after he himself was no longer able to shoulder his pack and seek fortune in the creeks and mountains, devoted himself to imparting the information he had gathered to the younger generation. Knowing the province from end to end, there was no man better able to tell of its resources. Mr. Sayyee leaves a widow and four daughters, Mrs. W. H. Bone, Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. Mordey, and Mrs. Allan, all residents of the city. A fifth daughter and a son died a few years ago. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence, 47 South road.

There was a large attendance at the funeral of the late Henry Short, which took place on Sunday afternoon from the residence, "Pineville," Ross Bay, and later at Christ Church cathedral. The services at the church and grave were conducted by Rev. Canon Beaulieu, the full supplied choir being present at the cathedral and singing appropriate hymns. The members of Victoria lodge, A. O. U. W., and of the Victoria Gun club, attended. The pallbearers were: Messrs. H. D. Heilmann, M. P. P. J. M. Langley, B. H. John, W. Gordon, Thomas Shottbolt, J. Braden, sr., E. White and George Winter.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Brown, who died in Nanaimo, also took place on Sunday, the cortege proceeding from the residence of Mr. Isaac Walsh, father of the deceased, direct to Ross Bay cemetery. The services were conducted at the residence, 79 Prince street, and at the cemetery, by Rev. Elliott S. Rowe. The pallbearers were: Messrs. William Hodge, J. Hall, M. Baker, J. McConnell, F. Hall, and J. H. Baker.

The funeral of the late William Fraser Monro took place on Sunday from the family residence, No. 10 Lisbeth street. Services at the residence and graveside were conducted by Rev. Dr. Campbell. The pallbearers were: Messrs. J. A. McIntosh, F. M. Wilson, G. McCandless, W. McNeill, D. Ballantyne, and M. King.

HUNTERS WINDBOUND.  
Last Sunday of the Duck-Hunting Season—Some Good Bags.

The duck-hunting season closes on Friday next, and last Sunday being the last Sunday of the season, a number of parties went out. The Esquimalt lagoon was one of the favorite resorts of the hunters. The morning was a pleasant enough one for an outing, but towards afternoon the wind came up and the hunters who went out in boats found themselves windbound. It was 3 o'clock yesterday morning before the wind veered down sufficiently to allow of the trip being made from the lagoon to Esquimalt, and even then the hunters had a stiff row to get away from the hunting grounds.

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# Farmers in Convention

## Annual Meeting of the Central Institute Has Begun Its Sittings.

### A Variety of Interesting and Important Subjects Under Discussion.

The fourth annual general meeting of the Central Farmers' Institute of British Columbia began yesterday morning, the sessions being held in the general office of the Department of Agriculture, in the parliament buildings. In spite of the non-arrival of several delegates from the upper country institutes, the big table was well filled when the meeting was called to order by Chairman J. M. Mutter, amongst those present being: Messrs. Joseph Whelpton, Agassiz, W. J. Brandt, Burns, Walter Town, J. M. Mutter, Andrew Noble, Kamloops; W. Arden, Metcosh; Major Mutter, Cowichan; J. T. Collins, James Harbottle; Munro Miller, Cedar Hill; Jos. McPhee, Comox; John B. Cade, Mission; H. W. Laddner, Nanaimo; W. H. Laddner, H. Harris, Langley; Edward Moore, Alberni; J. Churchland, Surrey; L. S. Paisley, Chilliwack.

Mr. J. T. Collins, of Salt Spring Island, was appointed secretary.

An able and comprehensive address by the Deputy Minister started the proceedings. In it Mr. Anderson referred to his former suggestion, that the present meeting be an open one to all the farmers of the province. This, however, had not been deemed acceptable, and the present meeting would be conducted along the lines of those of past years.

The minister of agriculture, Hon. J. D. Prentice, he stated, had sent him a message, assuring the institute of his deep interest in its proceedings, while suggesting that the pressure of his legislative and departmental duties was such as to prevent his personally attending the present meetings.

He was glad to be able to announce that progress and prosperity were very noticeable in the general work of the Farmer's institutes. The steady growth in membership, in the number of meetings held, and in the attendance at the same, was highly satisfactory, as the following figures would show:

1890—Members, 753; meetings, 111; attendance, 3,527; papers and addresses, 149; balance, \$30.09.

1900—Members, 1,031; meetings, 93; attendance, 2,339; papers and addresses, 109; balance, \$80.90.

1901—Members, 1,285; meetings, 130; attendance, 2,958; papers and addresses, 223; balance, \$85.

Of the meetings held in 1900, there were 4 morning, 27 afternoon and 62 evening ones, while in 1901 there were 2 held in the morning, 62 in the afternoon and 74 at night.

This growth was to be attributed to a more liberal administration, as well as to the generous distribution of literature and the excellent work of the lecturers and the length and breadth of the province. Regarding the work of the lecturers, he would only refer to the letters from two of the Ontario gentlemen who had made the circuit of the institutes, first in the spring and again in the fall of the past year.

One of the local institutes had reported increased membership. An additional institute was organized at Vernon, in the Okanagan country, and was already doing a most successful work, while that of Richmond had been subdivided into two, comprising the municipality of Burnaby, having been set apart as a separate district, under the name of Burrard.

At Salmon Arm, he regretted to state that the institute had been disbanded, in spite of the fact that it had at the time of its inception had the largest number of members of all the institutes. A great loss had been experienced in this district through the death of the local president, the late A. J. Palmer.

Applications had been received from the Scotch colony at Bella Coola, for authority to organize an institute there, but it had been considered that the time for such action was not yet opportune.

In addition to the institute meetings held throughout the province, several had also been held in some of the more organized parts.

At Pavilion Mountain, Messrs. Anderson and Elliott had been very well received, as also at Ashcroft, Lower Nicola and Comox, while Dr. Fletcher and himself had also had a good reception at Nicola Lake.

Numerous applications had been received at the department for literature from non-members of the institutes, but in every case these parties had been advised that membership was necessary to the advantages of the institutes could be enjoyed.

Quite a number of publications, too, had been returned by the post office authorities as wrongly addressed, and Mr. Anderson hoped that the primary institutes would exercise more care in giving the right addresses of their members.

The secretaries of the different institutes had also been notified by circular that many of the provisions of the act and institute rules were being disregarded, and it was hoped that in future these would be better observed.

The discussions at some of the meetings were also somewhat meagre, or else poorly reported, and he thought that the employment of a stenographer would be a very good thing occasionally, as the notes of the proceedings generally most ready to publish the reports of such interesting proceedings.

For the present year he was arranging the holding of spring meetings in April, and those of the fall for October, just as the fall was being arranged for the coming year, when he was holding meetings throughout the Northwest, would be here for the April series, as also the Hon. C. L. Smith, of Minnesota, and a couple of local speakers.

Arrangements were being made at present for the holding of the fall shows. The Dominion government was providing the judges, whose itineraries, also, would fall to the care of the provincial authorities.

Mr. Anderson impressed upon the members the great importance of the fact, well set forth in the last report of his department, viz., that agricultural products to the value of over \$5,000,000 per annum were being imported into this province.

He also referred very favorably to the action of Cowichan and Kelowna districts in publishing attractive pamphlets, setting forth their many advantages for the settler, and intimating that the department would be glad to co-operate in this work by undertaking to distribute similar publications.

This matter was, he thought, one for the settlers in the various districts themselves rather than for the institutes, although the latter might well assist in the matter.

Referring to the matter of the supplying of powder for farming purposes through the agency of the department, the Deputy Minister stated that a great many circulars had been distributed, but only some 3,000 pounds, had been received. As, however, the powder could only be supplied at the only rates when taken in carload lots, the whole effort would thus far appear to have been fruitless.

A closer inspection of cattle had been enforced during the past year, chiefly because of the fear of an outbreak of tuberculosis, as a result there had been an improvement in the condition and management of many of the dairies of the province.

On the 26th instant the general meeting adjourned to the following night.

ing of the Dairymen's and Live Stock association would be held, while he would add that the Hon. Mr. Smith, of Minnesota, would address the meeting tomorrow, and would also His Worship Mayor Hayward.

The following letter was then placed on the table by Mr. W. Arden, of Metcosh, its discussion being adjourned to a subsequent stage of the proceedings:

Victoria, May 15, 1901.

Sir,—I am directed by the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture to say that the government, acting on the result of a conference with Mr. F. W. Hodson, wherein many of the provisions of our acts relating to agriculture and the proposed amendments were shown by past experience in Ontario to be quite pernicious; deemed it prudent not to bring forward, during the last session of the Legislature, the amendments proposed by the Central Farmers' Institute.

I am furthermore directed to say that the government, while regretting that effect was not given during the session of the Legislature just concluded, to the recommendations of the farmers as expressed through their delegates, believe that the delay will prove to be in their best interests in the end, inasmuch as the experience of the most successful agricultural provinces of the Dominion will be brought to bear on any legislation that may hereafter be decided to be undertaken in this connection. Under all these circumstances, therefore, it was judged best to avoid further legislation and amendments to existing acts which might possibly prove to be unworkable.

Copies of all Acts bearing on the agricultural industry, including the Farmers' Institute Act, have been placed in the hands of Mr. Hodson, who voluntarily offered to go through them and make such suggestions as his experience has proved to be the most advantageous to the farmer.

Some necessary changes of names and matters of that kind will be made by Order in Council.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

J. R. ANDERSON,  
Deputy Minister of Agriculture.

J. H. SMART,  
To J. H. Smart, Secretary Metcosh Farmers' Institute, Metcosh, B. C.

A committee on procedure, consisting of Messrs. Brandt, Burns, Whelpton, Miller, Wilkinson and the secretary, was then appointed, and after a few minutes of informal discussion, the meeting adjourned until the afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

On reassembling at half-past one o'clock, the report of the procedure committee was presented and adopted, as follows:

Agricultural Education, Mr. Paisley, Mr. McCulloch and Mr. Brandt.

Noxious Weeds, Messrs. Noble and J. B. Cade.

Contagious Diseases, Human and Animal, W. Laddner.

Advisory Board, Major Mutter.

Coastal Fisheries, Mr. Burns.

Institute Literature, Collins, Noble, Provincial Exhibit, Churchland.

Provincial Exhibit, Mr. Burns.

Transportation, Mr. Whelpton.

Storage of Water, Mr. Noble.

Food, Messrs. Whelpton and Miller.

Insurance, Capt. Stewart.

Mr. Whelpton.

Birds, Collins and Brandt.

West Coast Fisheries, Mr. Metcosh.

Fencing Railway Lines, Mr. Miller.

Amendment to Acts and Rules, Messrs. Miller and Moore.

Superintendent Report, Noble.

Water Courses Clearing, Major Mutter.

Landed Fish, Mr. Burns.

Funds for the Institute, Major Mutter.

Hon. C. L. Smith, Address, report of, Major Mutter.

Amendment to Game Acts, Messrs. Arden, Mutter, Collins.

Bladder Twine, Paisley.

Western Speakers Instead of Eastern, Major Mutter.

Agriculture in Our Public Schools, Whelpton, Collins.

Shows and Ontario Government Convention, Major Mutter.

Judging Stock.

Report of Agriculture Department, Major Mutter.

ILLUSTRATIONS.

Enforcement of Acts Relating to Fruit Pests and Marketing Boxes.

Exchange of Literature with U. S. A., Currie.

In view of the fact that several of the up country members could not arrive until the evening's session, the meeting was adjourned until 8 o'clock next night.

EVENING SESSION.

At 8 o'clock evening Major Mutter called the meeting to order, a few additional members being present, amongst whom were noted Mr. John Perry, of Nanaimo; A. F. Venables, of Vernon; J. C. Metcosh, of Maple Ridge; A. W. Neill, M. P. P. for Alberni; Robert Balfour, of Langley; Thos. Reid, M. P. P. of Lulu Island; C. W. Munro, M. P. P. of Chilliwack; and W. H. Hayward, M. P. P. of Esquimalt, the visitors being heartily welcomed by the chairman.

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION.

Mr. S. W. Paisley, reeve of Chilliwack, introduced the first topic of the evening, "A Short Course in Live Stock and Grain Judging," was the particular part of the subject of "Agricultural Education." From the Guelph Agricultural college paper he read a new feature of the work there, which consisted of a two-weeks' course of instruction given by the professors of the college and experts on the judging of stock and grains. So much was this appreciated in Ontario that there were twice as many applications as could be accommodated. The course included lectures on the breeding, feeding and management of stock as well as the point system of judging. The two weeks were divided as follows: Beef cattle, three days; dairy cattle, two days; sheep and pigs, two days and a half; and horses, one day. Students of all ages, old men and headless boys, all enthusiastically made the best use of their time there early in the month of January last. Mr. Paisley considered that a little money could be well invested by the government in getting such men as Professor Day to undertake such work during the winter months out here, and thought that the charge of a small fee would make the cost but a small item. Three courses of a fortnight each would meet the demands of the farmers who were being held on the Island, one on the Lower Fraser and one in the Upper Country.

Mr. Noble, of Kamloops, seconded Mr. Paisley's resolution, adding his appreciation of the proper judging, and speaking of its worth to the farmer from the standpoint of his buying and selling of stock.

The motion was then carried, as follows: That the government of British Columbia is hereby respectfully requested to take some steps to secure a proper official to give a short course in stock and grain judging similar to that introduced by the Agricultural college at Guelph.

NOXIOUS WEEDS.

Mr. Andrew Noble, of Kamloops, thought that this was becoming a very serious matter. The farmers were being injured in large numbers in the seed that was coming in from Ontario. All over the country they were now to be seen, and in places they were very plentiful.

H. Harris, of Langley, lamented the number of weeds that were spreading everywhere in the Fraser valley. They had been growing there for years, and of late were increasing most seriously. Not only Canadian thistles, but many big toad thistles, and many others, seemed to have some difficulty in dealing with the question, so that perhaps further legislation might be required.

Jos. Whelpton, of Agassiz, agreed with Mr. Harris' remarks.

J. B. Cade, moving his resolution, said that at Mission there were some one hundred acres of toad thistles, and nearly as much thistle seed besides, and so at Mission there was 100 acres of toad thistles, some of them seven feet high. They had been cut, but it was long after they were ripe, and the work of cutting and burning them had only scattered the seed.

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the more. Then, too, there were a lot of o-x-eyed daisies that were spreading very fast.

Deputy Minister Anderson here explained that for three years past the government has destroyed the thistles at Mission.

Chairman Mutter explained the various sections of the Noxious Weeds Act, and the proceedings under it, as reported in the institute report of last year. From this it appeared that the task of eradicating the thistles on government land was one of the stumbling stones in the path.

It was left to the municipalities, who should appoint inspectors for this purpose, as provided for under the act. Without that, it was hard to get one farmer to inform upon another.

Mr. Anderson was advised, it had cut the thistles on its own land.

Mr. Paisley thought that the pathmasters should be clothed with power to enforce the cutting of thistles. In Chilliwack they had a constable, but he was not expected to go up the Chilliwack river, where so many thistles were growing. Then, too, there was a lot of wild mustard, which was a very serious matter. They might need some more treatment. The railway companies, too, should be made to cut their thistles.

W. H. Laddner considered Canadian thistles a great nuisance. Years ago he brought in a ton of thistle seed, dividing it with Mr. Guichen, but he had got more of the thistle seed than his neighbor. Ever since then those thistles had been giving him trouble. But bull thistles were worse in Delta than the Canadians. In Delta they had no path masters, and got on very well without them. Statute labor was away behind them.

Mr. Cade said that there was no complaint regarding the railway, as the C. P. R. kept the thistles cut along their right-of-way as regularly as they fixed their ties.

Mr. Paisley then moved an amendment—afterwards became the substantive motion—that the government be requested to amend the Municipal Act by compelling all path masters and other municipal officers to enforce the provisions of the act, under pain of fine if they did not do their duty. (This was eventually carried.)

Mr. Churchland, of Surrey, thought that so long as the path masters were unpaid, they could not be expected to give much time and attention to such work.

Capt. Stewart, of Elmure, thought that the powers under the present act were quite sufficient. There was no thistle trouble in his district.

Mr. Andrew Metcosh, stated that they had been legally advised that the Municipal Act was not sufficient to cope with the question of compelling people to cut their thistles.

Mr. McPhee, of Comox, stated that in his district thistles had got in along the old logging roads, and were a great nuisance. The Agricultural society had given a small salary to an inspector, under the Noxious Weeds Act, but that had not been sufficient to meet the trouble.

Mr. Taysmur, speaking of the more organized districts, said that in the district of Osoyoos they had the provincial constable appointed an inspector, and under him the question was being very well handled.

Mr. Noble then moved that in such districts the government be recommended to add the inspecting under the Thistle and Weeds act to the duties of the provincial constables. This was carried.

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES.

Mr. W. H. Laddner, in moving the following resolution, asked that he be laid over to tomorrow, which was agreed to: "That the present Contagious Act is unnecessary, injurious and unreliable, and that we urge the discontinuance of the compulsory use of the tuberculin test."

ADVISORY BOARD.

Regarding this, Major Mutter pointed out that there was now a standing committee of the House on agriculture, which would to all intent and purpose fulfill the duties of an advisory board to the Minister of Agriculture.

Mr. Miller suggested that the number of lawyers and professional men in the legislature was increasing, and so a contingency might arise whereby there might be no farmers in the House to take an agricultural committee of the legislature. Then an advisory board would be of the highest importance.

Major Mutter pointed out that an advisory board might well be appointed by the government that would do good work, and yet not be members of the legislature. At last year's meeting some names had been recommended, but nothing had been done.

Mr. Anderson reminded the members that the advisory board had never come into existence.

Mr. Neill, the representative of Alberni, being asked what he thought of the matter, considered that the agricultural committee of the House was necessarily a flimsy sort of body, lasting only for a single session. So, too, would be an advisory board appointed by the legislature. But the law provided that the government should appoint a board which would be of a more permanent nature, and he thought that the institute might very well request that the board be an advisory board.

Both Messrs. Stewart and Taysmur then pointed out that the institute was empowered to recommend certain men to such a board, and that last year's action of the institute was thus wholly in order.

Major Mutter then submitted a resolution asking the government to bring the sections of the act into force by appointing a board; but after a short discussion the matter was stood over until today.

The meeting then adjourned until 10 o'clock this morning.

# A Stone or Steel Bridge

## Council Divided as to Which Point Ellice Structure Should Be.

### Ald. Williams Anxious to Keep Bad Boys Off Streets at Night.

The regular weekly meeting of the City Council was held last night. Mayor Hayward presided, and there were present Ald. Kinsman, Williams, Cameron, Yates, McCandless, Grahame, Worthington, Vincent and Barnard. A large amount of correspondence had to be dealt with, and the consideration of some of the matters that came before the meeting had to be postponed.

Mr. Edward Mohem, C. E., wrote that he estimated the cost of a concrete bridge for Point Ellice at \$122,000. This bridge would have a 24-foot roadway and two 5-foot sidewalks. An increase in the width would increase this estimate by \$2,500 for each additional foot. Such a bridge would cost about \$400 or \$500 per annum for maintenance. He pointed out that in the case of such a structure about \$30,000 only would be expended on imported material, while some \$90,000 would be expended locally on ordinary labor employed in the work.

A letter from Mr. W. Mable, of Victoria West, concerning the lines of his allotment on Russell street, aroused some discussion.

Mr. Kinsman said that there was a lot of trouble about the lines on that street, and he understood that in order to get the lines straight, a number of allotments would have to be shifted 15 feet. He thought the matter ought to be straightened out.

On the motion of Ald. Grahame, the matter was referred to the city engineer for a full report.

A letter from the city librarian applying for an increase in his salary was laid on the table for consideration with the estimates on the following evening.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Mr. Horace Knott, secretary of the Lord's Alliance, wrote, acknowledging receipt of the council's reply to his first communication, and protesting against the opinion of the council, that they had no power to interfere with the games played in the park on Sundays.

Mr. Knott stated that if the council could exercise control over those who rode or drove in the park they could also prevent games being played on the public grounds.

Ald. Barnard moved that the letter be received and filed. It did not think the City committee had any power to deal with the question.

Ald. McCandless moved an amendment, that the letter be laid on the table. He quite agreed with the writer of the letter, that the public games Sunday ought to be discontinued. He was not a strict observer of the Sabbath himself, but the park was public property, and he did not think that the games were fair to the majority of the frequenters of the park, who wanted a quiet street and a quiet park. He should get further information on the subject before taking action.

The amendment was agreed to.

THE DOG SHOW.

The secretary of the Victoria City Kennel club wrote, asking for a donation of \$50 towards the expenses of the annual dog show to be held by the club on April 2, 4 and 5 next. He stated that Victoria was the only city in the province which held an annual show, and as the affair would attract a considerable number of visitors, he thought that the council might see their way to assist.

The show could hardly be held without two or three hundred dollars in expenditure, which would reach \$800. He pointed out that the City Council collected \$1,200 annually from dog taxes.

On the motion of Ald. Yates, the letter was referred to the Finance committee for report.

SANITARY MATTERS.

A long and rather humorous letter was read from Mr. James Bay, led to some discussion concerning the objectionable character of an open drain which adjoined his premises, and his repeated but unsuccessful efforts to induce the sanitary inspector (Mr. Wilson) to have it attended to. The inspector had promised to come over and again and he had been instructed by the council to have the drain fixed, but nothing had been done. He (Mr. Smith) had gone to the city health officer, who had visited the drain, and agreed that it was objectionable.

Ald. Vincent said he really thought something ought to be done. He had seen the drain, and it certainly required attention.

Ald. McCandless moved that the letter be laid on the table and considered on the following evening, and that the sanitary inspector be asked to attend the meeting, so that he might be questioned, and he thought that it would be his work, somebody else must be got to do it.

Ald. Kinsman seconded the motion. He had recently been shown a very nasty place on Yates street where water was lying with a thick crust upon it. The sanitary inspector had been to see this spot, but he had done nothing.

Ald. Barnard suggested that Mr. Smith ought to be asked to attend a meeting of the council on the following evening to avoid future complications. They would then have the inspector and Mr. Smith face to face.

Ald. McCandless was afraid that if the council was going to hold a regular investigation, there would be no time for considering the estimates.

After some discussion it was decided to invite Mr. Smith, and the motion so amended was agreed to.

After complaining of the state of Young street, James Bay, led to some discussion concerning street cleaning in general, reference being made to the condition of Government street opposite the post office and other places. Ald. Barnard stated that some of the streets were in the hands of sweeping out their places into the streets.

Another communication received complained about the custom of the Chinamen saving up fire wood in the streets, thus causing obstruction. This letter was laid on the table for further consideration.

REPORTS: WATER SUPPLY.

The water commissioner reported regarding the supplying of water to the houses occupied by Mrs. Blake, Mr. Ralph and others on Devonshire road, that the work of laying the pipe, etc., would cost about \$675. Messrs. Henley

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Ald. Grahame said he supposed the majority of the council would carry their decision in the council, but he wished to enter his protest against a steel structure. He thought it would be better to have a temporary bridge, and build a concrete bridge later on. He felt sure that the government would assist towards it.

Ald. Worthington agreed that there was no special hurry.

Ald. Yates suggested that the report should lie on the table for a time, so as to allow the public a chance to petition the council if they had a strong opinion on the subject obtained by the council could be published.

Ald. McCandless pointed out that there was a considerable difference in the cost of the stone and steel bridges. A steel bridge had been estimated to cost \$100,000, the stone bridge \$210,000, and the concrete bridge \$130,000. He stated that he would vote against a \$200,000 stone bridge; but, of course, if the public wanted it, that was another affair.

Ald. Barnard said that he had promised at election time to vote for a stone bridge, but only in the event of such a bridge being not too costly.

Ald. Kinsman thought that a stone or composition bridge would take two or three years to build.

Ald. Williams was not in favor of a steel bridge, and he had therefore abstained from signing the committee's report. If they had signed it, it would mean sending all the money out of the country, whereas a stone or concrete bridge would mean local expenditure.

After further discussion the report was laid on the table and it was agreed that the expert correspondence on the subject for publication.

BAD BOYS.

According to notice, Ald. Williams moved a resolution in favor of the adoption of a new by-law giving the police power to deal with children who might be found on the streets after 9 p. m. He had not thought out the details of a by-law, but those could be discussed later. He supposed that the age of children concerned should be under 14 years.

The resolution was agreed to, and the council adjourned to the following night.

The North British and Caledonian Railway companies intend making an increased effort to popularize Loch Lomond as a holiday resort. It is intended to make additions to the fleet of steamers, and Ballachulish is to be greatly enlarged and extended.





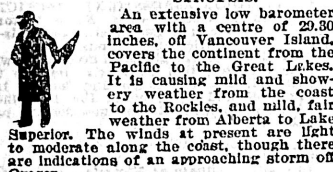


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## THE WEATHER.



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**TEMPERATURE.** Min. Max.  
Victoria 45 50  
New Westminster 44 48  
Kamloops 34 40  
Barkerville 34 40  
Calgary 36 38  
Winnipeg 38 38  
Portland, Ore. 42 54  
San Francisco 52 55

**FORECASTS.**  
For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific time).  
Tuesday: Victoria and vicinity: Moderate or fresh winds, chiefly southerly, unsettled and mild, with occasional rains.  
Lower Mainland: Light or moderate winds, unsettled and mild, with rain.

**VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.**  
Report for 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Observations taken daily at 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m.

**SUNDAY, FEB. 23.**  
Deg. Mean.....45  
5 a.m. Highest.....51  
5 p.m. Lowest.....38  
The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:  
5 a.m. 8 miles north.  
Noon.....12 miles north.  
5 p.m. 24 miles southeast.

**NEW WESTMINSTER.**  
Barometer at 5 p. m. Corrected.....29.574  
Barometer at 5 p. m. Corrected.....29.58

**MONDAY, FEB. 24.**  
Deg. Mean.....45  
5 a.m. Highest.....51  
5 p.m. Lowest.....38  
The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:  
5 a.m. 4 miles north.  
Noon.....8 miles southeast.  
5 p.m. 4 miles north.

**NEW WESTMINSTER.**  
Barometer at 5 p. m. Corrected.....29.574  
Barometer at 5 p. m. Corrected.....29.58

**VICTORIA TIDES.**  
For the month of February, 1902.  
(Issued by the tidal survey branch of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa.)

The use of the Pacific standard for the 120° meridian west, is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The height is in feet and tenths of a foot.

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Sealing schooner R. I. Morse, the smallest schooner of the fleet, was totally wrecked during a heavy southeast gale 40 miles from Cape Orford, south of Cape Blanco, at 2:25 p.m. on February 16. One of her crew was drowned and the remainder escaped as though by a miracle from being drowned like rats in a trap. The schooner turned turtle, was bottom upward with all except one of her crew on the deck. The filled cabins until the weight of the cement ballast righted her in the lee sea, and the survivors rushed on deck, and standing amidst the wreckage, saw their unfortunate comrade, George Donaldson, clinging to the side of the schooner, clinging to half of one of the wrecked boats, was waving his arms for aid not more than 50 yards from the schooner's stern, and as the survivors watched him, unable to do anything to assist him, to live in such a sea, they had none left intact—they saw his mouth moving and knew that amidst the noises of the storm he was shouting for the help they could not give. The storm drowned his cries, and as they looked they saw him drift away into the midst of the storm, and no doubt soon afterwards sank.

The survivors cleared the wreckage, got out drags, used oil to calm the high seas, and fought the storm to keep their wrecked vessel free. Standing in their drenched clothes, cold and exhausted, they baled and pumped until on Tuesday morning the schooner Penelope saw their distress signals and they were taken from the wreck, and the lost schooner was down up that it might not be a menace to navigation. Four days later they were put on board the San Francisco liner Umattila, which landed them at the outer wharf on Sunday night. The owners are Capt. C. Cessford, Mate J. Bishop (owners), J. Roberts, F. D. Kelly, M. Mitchell, G. Mitchell and A. Williams. George Donaldson, who was on watch when the schooner turned over, was lost. He was the son of James Donaldson, fisherman, and Mrs. Donaldson, of 64 Dallas road. This was his first sealing cruise.

The survivors say that the schooner was lost in the fairway of the strait, and left Victoria on January 10, and about January 22 arrived off San Francisco. The weather was heavy from the north-west, and until the end of January the schooner had two lowering days, and saw no seals, except one which was shot from the schooner. In February the weather set in heavy from the south-east and east, gale following gale. There were but three lowering days, and two seals were taken. On the 14th the weather was fair and the boats went out, but found no seals. On the 15th the wind freshened from the southeast, and the schooner was blown rapidly. Next morning it was blowing a gale, and the schooner was home to with double reefed, foresail and trysail. The wheel was lashed, and she lay to all day. One man was kept on watch and the other seven were below. At 2 p.m. Donaldson was rolling in the very high seas, and the wind was very heavy, but the sealers did not anticipate disaster so soon afterwards.

Kelly had laid down in his lower berth, and as the schooner was blown rapidly, and Mate Mitchell was asleep in bunks on the port side, Mitchell (boatsteerer), Finlayson (cook) and Williams (cabin boy), were below in the fore-cabin. Donaldson was standing near the wheel by the lee side of the schooner. Then an unlucky sea broke under the beam of the port side of the schooner, and with a moment's warning the schooner turned bottom up. What happened on deck in those few awful seconds the survivors cannot tell. In the dark cabin, half-filled by the rushing sea, the only one who managed to get from his bunk. He was awake when the sea struck the vessel, and it was not until the schooner righted that he regained his feet.

In the few seconds in which the ceiling of the cabin became the floor, the dim light of the skylight, as seen through the water, first as though by the centre of the floor, and then as the schooner in an upright position, the sealers saw the line of light as the skylight came into place. Quickly the men tried to break his way through, thinking that the schooner would not right, and then as the daylight streamed through the hatchway, when once more the schooner stood upright, he rushed to the deck. In the top bunk Kelly had clutched the side and held strongly to the bunk frame, while those on the starboard side were jammed in their bunks, and had the schooner not righted they would not have had even the slightest chance for life. Coal, canned goods and other stuff was floated in against the men, but it was only for a brief space. The next lee sea righted the overturned schooner, and all jumped quickly from their berths and hurried on deck.

Forward, the sealers were in as bad a plight as those aft, when the vessel had her stern in air and her masts where the keel should have been. The cook was struck by the falling stove, which was swept from its place by the rush of water, and he was slightly bruised.

and the other two had a hard struggle in the brief space, before daylight, and then down again and they saw that the schooner was upright, although the fore-cabin was left half full of water and things were afloat. Aft in the cabin there was much water, in which the canned goods and other provisions, swept from their place, floated about, and the stove was overturned and extinguished.

Once on deck, the sealers saw their lost comrade floating on half a boat astern about 50 yards and appealing for aid. The noise of the storm was too great to hear him, but his moving lips showed that he was shouting. A glance showed that the four boats had all been smashed, their lashings carried away. Aft the topmast was hanging, broken in its stays, and fortunately the fore-gaff was gone. Capt. Cessford had been crying, "Cut the fore sheet!" as he hurried on deck, but it had gone, and the foregaff, main gaff, wheel, rail, cutwater and other gear were gone. The main boom was broken, rigging strained, sails and the vessel's hull so badly strained that she was taking water fast. The sea had done much damage.

Quickly the sealers got to work to keep the vessel free. They wore the schooner round, for when she had a heavy sea on her back list to starboard, and kept her away before the wind with drags. Part of the mainsail and a boom were made into a drag, and a spare topmast was bridled over the anchor, and with these two drags the schooner was kept from the storm. It was still raining heavily, the wind raged fiercely and the seas were very high. Oil was got on deck, and spread along the sides of the schooner to calm the waters. Then the sealers used all hands, and by this means the seas were in a measure quieted. On the 17th the wind went down and, although there was still a very heavy swell, the seas were not so high. A fire was made in the righted stove, and with the canvas gear and wet hard tack the crew appeared their hunger.

They began to work the schooner shoreward, and a southwest wind—the weather having veered around to that quarter—blew the schooner away, endeavoring to get in near one of the life-saving stations, for the schooner was a hopeless wreck, and it was now a fight to save their lives. Soon after daylight on Tuesday morning the schooner Penelope, of Victoria, Capt. Hester, was seen, and the "Grey Pup" flew her house flag upside down as a distress signal. The Penelope bore over to her and the shipwrecked crew were taken off. Capt. Hester then blew up the wrecked Morse.

For four days the sealers remained with the crew of the Penelope, which vessel saved their catch of three skins, and on Saturday the steamer Umattila was seen in the vicinity of Cape Blanco, and the Penelope signalled the line and Capt. Cessford went down to the sealer, Capt. Hester, and the "Grey Pup" flew her house flag upside down as a distress signal. The Penelope bore over to her and the shipwrecked crew were taken off. Capt. Hester then blew up the wrecked Morse.

The lost R. I. Morse was formerly a sealing vessel, and the smallest vessel of the fleet, and it was this reason that sealers designated her the "Grey Pup." Capt. Cessford and Bishop, old-time sealers, purchased her two years ago from J. Hunter, and she has since been engaged in sealing. She had cement ballast, which served her in good part, for it is seldom that a schooner with shifting ballast rights herself after turning bottom upwards. She went to Behring sea last year, and hunted off the coast last season. This was her third sealing cruise, and her owner, ship, she was insured for \$1,500.

**EAGER TO PLAY.**

Victoria Will Have a Strong Amateur Team During the Coming Season.

There is no reason why baseball should not be as popular in Victoria during the coming season as it was last year. The last year's season was a success, and with the best amateur aggregations in the Northwest, but this year it will be considerably stronger. Jack Smith, captain of the Victorians before the amalgamation with the Amities, has returned to the city, and will be quite an acquisition to the team. Walter Wright, worth is also expected to return, and Jack Rithet may be up before the season opens. With such players as these to strengthen last year's team, Victoria should be able to hold her own against the best amateur teams in the Northwest.

## CHRONIC CASES OF KIDNEY DISEASE

Intense Suffering, Great Weakness, Lingering Misery—Cures Effected by

## DR. CHASE'S KIDNEY-LIVER PILLS.

Most people are familiar with the sufferings of kidney disease. In the back, deposits in the urine, loss of flesh, smarting when passing water, indigestion and constipation. Kidney disorders are too painful and too fatal to be neglected. The only safe and thoroughly effective treatment that has ever offered for kidney disease is Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. That this is true is proven by such evidence as the following list of patients: Mr. Thomas A. Embree, general merchant, Springfield, N. S., writes: "As the result of a severe cold settling on the kidneys I contracted kidney disease which was a burden to me for some time. I was unable to work, and although I tried several physicians, I could only obtain slight temporary relief. I heard of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills in my similar cases, I began to use them, and after taking seven boxes was completely cured. The cure was entirely due to the use of the great medicine which has since cured several persons to whom I recommended them."

Mr. Mortimer Chase, Concession, Ont., states: "This is to certify that I was troubled with kidney disease so badly that life was a burden to me. I could find no ease either night or day, as the pains in my back were almost unendurable, and to stop over would almost set me crazy. I lost flesh to such an extent that I was reduced to 115 pounds, my general weight being 140 pounds. I could not sleep or rest, no matter what position I was in. "For about four years I was in this dreadful condition, and my brother told me about Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills which had benefited them, and I began using them. After taking part of a box I began to feel somewhat better. I have taken in all seven boxes and am now as sound and well as ever I was, able to do a man's work and with no recurrence of my former kidney complaint."

Mr. J. J. Ward, J. P., certifies that Mr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills have been the best cure of a similar preparation. One will find, 25 cents a box, at all dealers or Edmondson, Bates & Co., Toronto.

## Another Sealer In Distress

**Oscar and Hattie Puts Into Banfield Creek Leaking—Will Arrive Today.**

**Sadie Turpel Goes to Wreck the Fawn—Identity of Derelict Fixed.**

The heavy winter gales seem to have been the sealing fleet lately. The Umbria was badly damaged, the Fawn was driven on the sandy spit at Catalina island, the R. I. Morse turned over and was wrecked in the south, and now the Oscar and Hattie is reported in distress. She is bound back to port, leaving and damaged by the gales. She arrived in Banfield creek on Sunday, crippled by the recent storms in which the Umbria was badly damaged. The Oscar and Hattie was off the Columbia river when the seas poured her and stranded the hull so badly that she began to leak. Whether she was otherwise injured could not be learned yesterday. At all events she was leaking so badly that Capt. Blakstad decided to run for port. She reached Banfield creek on Sunday morning, and taking a boat with two of his crew, Capt. Blakstad started for Cape Beale, where there is a telegraph station. He had a narrow escape from having the boat swamped when making a landing, and the three sealers had a hard struggle to get through the surf to shore.

Arrived at the lighthouse, Capt. Blakstad despatched a telegram to Capt. Grant, manager of the Victoria Sealing company, telling of the damages to the Oscar and Hattie, and asking for instructions. That the vessel was badly damaged is shown by the fact that Capt. Blakstad says the men have been kept continually at the pumps. Capt. Grant ordered the schooner back to port for repairs, and she will reach here today.

The Oscar and Hattie left on January 17 with a white crew numbering 27, and she was to have gone across to Japan. On the 18th she sighted the derelict of the Laura Pike, with her mainmast gone and holed filled. She was 27 miles northwest of Victoria light. The catch of the sealing fleet has been very poor off the coast, the rough weather militating against sealing. The crew of the Morse report that the General had 58 when they spoke her at the end of January, and was about to leave for the Japan coast. The General was spoken with at 14 at Crescent City, where she had gone to repair her headgear. The Penelope had five on Saturday. A despatch from San Diego reports that the South Bend has put in there damaged slightly by the storms, with 34 skins.

The schooner Sadie Turpel is to leave today for Esperanza inlet with a wrecking crew and material for the salvage of the stranded Fawn, which, when last reported, was being towed by the gales. If she has not been broken by the gales since, the wreckers, who are in charge of Capt. S. Balcom, hope to float the vessel.

**UMATTILA ARRIVES.**

Sighted the Derelict of the Laura Pike Off the Columbia.

Steamer Umattila arrived on Sunday night from San Francisco. She had a trip from the Golden Gate. On Saturday night the ship took on board the R. I. Morse from the schooner Penelope, and on Sunday morning, just before daylight, she sighted a derelict, believed to be that of the schooner Oscar and Hattie, off the Columbia river. The abandoned vessel was towed and secured several times, and she is evidently being set northward toward the Vancouver Island coast by the currents. The Umattila trained her searchlight on her sight, but the schooner was lost sight of, and although the steamer cruised about for a brief space to look for her, nothing could be seen further of the derelict. The Umattila brought an average number of passengers and much freight, including the usual shipments of California fruits for Victoria merchants. Steamer Queen sailed from the outer wharf last night for San Francisco. She had a small passenger list.

**THE COAL FLEET.**

Salvage Claim for \$50,000 Against the Austrian Steamer Maria.

Steamer Minerva arrived yesterday from San Francisco to load a cargo of coal at Nanaimo, and the Telus passed on Sunday with a cargo for San Francisco. The steamer Victoria sailed yesterday from San Francisco for Victoria, and the steamer Queen is due to arrive today on her route to Seattle for coal. The Maria has been billed for \$50,000 by the owners of the steam schooner Inagua of San Francisco, John DeBeer & Co., for the salvage of the steamer when she broke her shaft, and in answer to signals for assistance by the Maria she sent the vessel in to the wharf, took to the Golden Gate. For towing the Victoria a similar distance to Victoria under similar circumstances the steamer San Mateo secured \$10,000 recently.

**EMPIRESS SAILS.**

The Empress of China Left Last Night for Yokohama.

Mr. M. S. Empress of China left last night for the Orient. She did not call at the outer wharf, her Victoria passengers going out on the steamer Otter. The Empress had a full freight cargo and the following list of passengers: Mr. H. Smith, Mr. Lohoyde, W. P. Miller, L. E. C. Hardy, R.N., Mr. Stafford, Mr. Hunt and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Parker, J. W. Dodman, C. Kendall and wife, Miss W. Barnard, R. Singer, Mr. Gaynor, Mr. Taylor, L. J. Joseph, Mr. J. I. G. Nelson and children, Mr. Burton, Mr. Denton, F. Noydon, Miss Mary Anderson, Alma Swanson, Miss Gotberg, N. Gotberg and N. Ewaski. Lieut. E. Hardy, R.N., formerly of H. M. S. Eurydice, is bound to Hongkong, he having been promoted to H. M. S. Waterwitch. Several missionaries, who are returning to their field of work in China, are included in the list.

**THE ORIENTAL LINERS.**

Kinshu Maru Will Sail Today for Orient—Shinano Maru Due.

Steamer Kinshu Maru, of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line, will sail today for the Orient from the outer wharf, and the Y. K. liner Shinano Maru, which sailed from Yokohama on February 12, is due to arrive here from the Orient tomorrow. The Tosa Maru, which follows the Shinano, left Yokohama on Saturday for Victoria. The Empress of India sailed from Yokohama on Friday for Victoria, and is due here on March 4. The Empress of Japan arrived at Hongkong last Tuesday.

**RELIANCE LOST.**

San Francisco Chronometer-maker Identifies Instrument Recovered at Cape Beale.

## AUCTION

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## Johnston's Seed Store.

City Market. Removed four doors down from entrance.

Cape Beale is the Reliance of San Francisco. The Bulletin says: "The schooner Reliance, which sailed from here on February 12 for Coquille river, is undoubtedly no more. The finding of a chronometer among some wreckage at Cape Beale, on the Vancouver coast, establishes what is believed to be a positive identification. Louis Wente & Co., of 418 Battery street, chronometer-makers and repairers, say that they had No. 473, Parkinson & Fordham, Chance Alley, London, makers, in their hands on April 25, 1901, that it belonged to the schooner Reliance and was turned over to Capt. White, who then commanded her. The Reliance was owned by Hume & Hart, of this city, and was built in 1886 at Beale. She measured 64 tons, was 60 feet long, 24 feet wide and 6.5 feet deep."

**BERTHA SAVED.** Alaska Commercial Company's Steamer Floated and Being Towed by Albion.

The steamer Bertha has been saved and will arrive down today for repairs. She was holed from Kwakwaka point by the Victoria liner Albion, which was despatched to her assistance a week ago, after the holes in her hull had been temporarily repaired with canvas, cement and planking by Divers McHardy and McDonald of this city. Capt. Carroll left Seattle with a cargo of men on Saturday night by the steamer Dolphin, to wreck the vessel, and he will meet her en route down.

**MARINE NOTES.**